IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1 to 6, 8 to 10, 13 and 15 as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, now read as follows:

1. (Currently amended) An information processing apparatus for instructing a specified terminal device of a plurality of terminal devices connected via a network to transfer image information to a printer in response to a print request from one of the plurality of terminal devices, said apparatus comprising:

specifying unit adapted to specify means for specifying a terminal device, in which image information to be printed has been stored, in accordance with the [[a]] print request including information for designating a printer as a print destination from one of the plurality of terminal devices;

a first designating unit adapted to instruct means for instructing the terminal device specified by said specifying unit means to directly transfer the image information to the [[a]] printer designated as the print destination; and

management unit adapted to manage means for managing record information including printing date of the printing performed by the printer based on according to the instruction by said first designating unit.

2. (Currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein each of the plurality of terminal devices comprises a second designating unit adapted to designate means for designating a printer that is to print image information, and

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said first designating unit ~~means~~ instructs transfer of the image information in dependence upon mode of connection between the printer designated by said second designating unit ~~means~~ and the terminal device storing the image information.

3. (Currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said first designating unit ~~means~~ instructs transfer of the image information in dependence upon whether said terminal device and printer are connected locally or via a network.

4. (Currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said specifying unit ~~means~~ includes a management database for managing image information as image file names, and

wherein said specifying unit specifies ~~means specifying~~ a terminal device, which is storing image information to be printed, based upon an image file name that has been registered in said management database.

5. (Previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the image file name is a combination of a unique file name in the terminal device storing the image information and an identifier of this terminal device.

6. (Currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 4, further comprising a totalization unit adapted to totalize ~~means for totalizing~~ statistical information based upon attribute information in said management database.

7. (Previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the attribute information includes information on identifiers, image file names, number of pages to be printed and printing date.

8. (Currently amended) A method of controlling an information processing apparatus for instructing a specified terminal device of a plurality of terminal devices connected via a network to transfer image information to a printer in response to a print request from one of the plurality of terminal devices, said method comprising:

a specifying step, of specifying a terminal device, in which image information to be printed has been stored, in accordance with the [[a]] print request including information for designating a printer as a print destination from one of the plurality of terminal devices;

a first designating step, of instructing the terminal device specified at said specifying step to directly transfer the image information to the [[a]] printer designated as the print destination; and

a management step, of managing record information including printing date of the printing performed by the printer based on according to the instruction.

9. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 8, further comprising a second designating step, performed by any of the plurality of terminal devices, [[of]] designating a printer that is to print image information, [[and]]

wherein said instructing first designating step instructs transfer of the image information in dependence upon mode of connection between the printer designated in said designating second step and the terminal device storing the image information.

10. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 9, wherein said instructing ~~first designating~~ step includes instructing transfer of the image information in dependence upon whether the terminal device and printer are connected locally or via a network.

11. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 8, wherein said specifying step includes specifying a terminal device, which is storing image information to be printed, based upon an image file name that has been registered in a management database for managing image information as image file names.

12. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 11, wherein the image file name is a combination of a unique file name in the terminal device storing the image information and an identifier of this terminal device.

13. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 11, further comprising totalizing ~~a totalization step, of~~ statistical information based upon attribute information in the management database.

14. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 13, wherein the attribute information includes information on identifiers, image file names, number of pages to be printed and printing date.

15. (Currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing program code for causing a computer to implement the [[of a]] method set forth in claim 8 ~~of controlling an information processing apparatus, comprising:~~

~~code of a specifying step, of specifying a terminal device, in which image information to be printed has been stored, in accordance with a print request from one of a plurality of terminal devices connected via a network;~~

~~code of a designating step, of instructing the specified terminal device to transfer the image information to a printer without via the information processing apparatus; and~~

~~a management step of managing record information including printing date of the printing performed by the printer according to the instruction.~~